

Friday, July 17, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed VA/HUD Appropriations, 1999.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8425–S8542

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2325–2331, and S. Con. Res. 108. Page S8482

Measures Passed:

VA/HUD Appropriations: Senate passed S. 2168, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, after taking action on further amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

Burns Amendment No. 3205, to provide for insurance and indemnification with respect to the development of certain experimental aerospace vehicles.

Pages S8425, S8431

Murkowski Modified Amendment No. 3200, to provide land allotments for certain Native Alaskan veterans.

Pages S8425, S8431–32

Rejected:

Nickles Amendment No. 3202, to provide for an increase in FHA single family maximum mortgage amounts and GNMA guaranty fee. (By 69 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 211), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S8425, S8428–30

Sessions Amendment No. 3206, to increase funding for activities of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration concerning science and technology, aeronautics, space transportation, and technology by reducing funding for the AmeriCorps program. (By 58 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 212), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 210), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to

waive the Congressional Budget Act with respect to consideration of Wellstone/Murray/McCain Amendment No. 3199, to restore veterans tobacco-related benefits as in effect before the enactment of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. Pages S8425–28

Milosevic/War Crimes: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 105, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the culpability of Slobodan Milosevic for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide in the former Yugoslavia, and the resolution was agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S8456–58

D'Amato Amendment No. 3212, to make a technical correction. Page S8457

D'Amato Amendment No. 3213, to strike provisions regarding U.S. policy in dealings with President Milosevic. Page S8457

Shackleford Banks Wild Horses Protection: Senate passed H.R. 765, to ensure maintenance of a herd of wild horses in Cape Lookout National Seashore, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S8532–33

Domenici (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 3214, in the nature of a substitute. Page S8533

Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument Completion Act: Senate passed S. 638, to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of private mineral interests within the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument mandated by the 1982 Act that established the Monument, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Pages S8533–34

National Discovery Trails: Senate passed S. 1069, entitled the "National Discovery Trails Act of

1997", after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8534–35**

Bandelier National Monument: Senate passed S. 1132, to modify the boundaries of the Bandelier National Monument to include the lands within the headwaters of the Upper Alamo Watershed which drain into the Monument and which are not currently within the jurisdiction of a Federal land management agency, and to authorize purchase or donation of those lands, after agreeing to committee amendments. **Pages S8535–36**

National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Program: Senate passed S. 1403, to amend the National Historic Preservation Act for purposes of establishing a national historic lighthouse preservation program, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8536–37**

Methane Hydrate Resources: Senate passed S. 1418, to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources, after agreeing to committee amendments. **Page S8537**

Land Conveyance: Senate passed S. 1510, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands to the county of Rio Arriba, New Mexico, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8538**

Wenatchee National Forest: Senate passed S. 1683, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over part of the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Agriculture for inclusion in the Wenatchee National Forest, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8538**

Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site: Senate passed S. 1695, to establish the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site in the State of Colorado, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S8538–39**

Hart Mountain Transfer: Senate passed S. 1807, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain parcels of public domain land in Lake County, Oregon, to facilitate management of the land, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8539**

New Mexico Land Conveyance: Senate passed H.R. 434, to provide for the conveyance of small parcels of land in the Carson National Forest and the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico, to the village of El Rito and the town of Jemez Springs, New Mexico, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8539**

California Land Sale: Senate passed H.R. 1439, to facilitate the sale of certain land in Tahoe National Forest, in the State of California to Placer County, California, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8540**

Guam Delegate Election: Senate passed H.R. 1460, to allow for election of the Delegate from Guam by other than separate ballot, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8540**

Mark Twain National Forest Boundary Adjustment: Senate passed H.R. 1779, to make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Devils Backbone Wilderness in the Mark Twain National Forest, Missouri, to exclude a small parcel of land containing improvements, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8540**

Iowa FERC Project Extension: Senate passed H.R. 2165, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of FERC Project Number 3862 in the State of Iowa, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8540**

Colorado FERC Project Extension: Senate passed H.R. 2217, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of FERC Project Number 9248 in the State of Colorado, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8540**

Kentucky Hydroelectric Project Extension: Senate passed H.R. 2841, to extend the time required for the construction of a hydroelectric project, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8540**

Legislative Branch Appropriations—Cloture Motion Filed: A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 4112, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, July 21, 1998. **Page S8471**

Senate will consider the bill on Monday, July 20, 1998.

Commerce/Justice/State Appropriations, 1999—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 2260, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, on Monday, July 20, 1999. **Page S8540**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of the Executive Order blocking government property and prohibiting transactions with the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro); the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-144).

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Transmitting the report concerning the emigration laws and policies of Albania; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-145).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John J. Pikarski, Jr., of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for the remainder of the term expiring December 17, 1998.

John J. Pikarski, Jr., of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2001.

Romulo L. Diaz, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

J. Charles Fox, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Paul Steven Miller, of California, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for the remainder of the term expiring July 1, 1999.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Text of H.R. 4101 as Previously Passed: Pages S8516-32

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—212) Pages S8427, 28, S8430-31

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 3:29 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, July 20, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8540.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MORTGAGE LENDING REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief and the Subcommittee on Housing Opportunity and Community Development concluded joint hearings to examine recommendations from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Federal Reserve Board on mortgage loan reforms as contained in the Truth in Lending Act and the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, after receiving testimony from Edward M. Gramlich, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and Gail Laster, General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development.